

REMARKS

Claim 48 has been incorporated into claim 46. Claims 28, 29, 31, 33, 34, 45 and 48 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added. Upon entry of this amendment claims 46, 47, 49 and 51-54 are present and active in the application.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment. No new limitations have been presented. No new claims have been added.

Applicants thank Examiner Gray for the courteous and helpful discussion held with applicants' representative. During this discussion it was agreed that limiting the claims to TiON would help distinguish the claims from the cited references. Applicants have so amended the claims.

The rejection of the claims has been obviated by appropriate amendment. The cited references are silent regarding TiON and TiOS.

CONCLUSION

All of the grounds raised in the present Office Action for rejecting the application are believed to be overcome or rendered moot based on the remarks above. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently presented claims are in form for allowance, and such action is requested. Should the Examiner feel a discussion would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at (312) 876-1400.

Respectfully submitted,

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